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THREE EARLY LANDOWNERS OF THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT, VIRGINIA: JEREMIAH EXUM, MICHAEL MACKQUINNEY, AND WILLIAM POPE, WITH NOTES ON SOME OF THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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Henry[4] Pope (*John,*[3] *Henry,*[2] *William*[1]) was born in Edgecombe county, North Carolina. He lived in that part of Edgecombe which later became Halifax. Many deeds are of record in Halifax, and several[a] adjoining counties of North Carolina, which show that Henry[4] Pope owned large bodies of land. Some of these deeds relate his descent, as part of the land he inherited was entailed.[b] His will dated January 2-1764 is recorded at Halifax, N. C.[c] Henry[4] Pope and his wife, Tabitha, had five children, viz:

I Burwell[5] Pope born 1752 died January 9-1800, married Priscilla Wootten September 8-1772; II Willis[5] Pope, born 1754 died 1798; III John[5] Pope born 1757, will November 19-1821, married Elizabeth Smith daughter of John and Elizabeth Smith; IV Henry Augustine[5] Pope born August 6-1760, died Dec. 9-1807; Married 1st Clara Hill,[d] dau. of Abraham Hill; and 2nd Mary Davis, May 27-1799; V Wiley[5] Pope born 1762, will May 24-1819, married Polly Hill (dau. of Abraham Hill) March 20-1794.

Burwell[5] Pope (*Henry,*[4] *John,*[3] *Henry,*[2] *William,*[1]) was born in Halifax county, North Carolina, in 1752. Upon the second marriage of his mother (after 1764) to Thomas Wootten, he moved with them to that part of Orange county which by a sub-

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[a] Halifax, North Carolina, Deed Book, 7, pages 34, 35, 38, and 67.
Halifax, North Carolina, Deed Book 8, page 178.
Halifax, North Carolina, Deed Book 17, page 348.

[b] Jackson, Northampton county, North Carolina, Deed Book 3, page 38.

[c] Halifax, North Carolina, Will Book 1, page 144.

[d] Ancestors of Chancellor David C. Barrow of the University of Georgia, and of the late United States Senator Pope Barrow of Savannah, Georgia.

division became Wake county. Burwell[5] Pope inherited land from his great-grandfather, Colonel Barnaby[2] McKinne, Sr. This land was entailed, and when Burwell[5] Pope wished to sell it, it was necessary for him to trace his title and break the entail. In doing so Burwell Pope's ancestry is clearly shown.[a]

On September 8-1772 Burwell[5] Pope married Priscilla Wootten, daughter of Benjamin[b] and Elizabeth (Rousseau) Wootten, of Halifax County, North Carolina. The maternal grandparents of Priscilla (Wootten) Pope were Hilliare Rousseau and Elizabeth his wife, of Stafford and Westmoreland counties, Virginia.[c] Priscilla (Wootten) Pope died January 19-1806.

Burwell[5] Pope was a member of the Revolutionary Assembly of N. C.[d] As shown by his land grants,[e] he moved to Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1787. He was a member of the Convention which formulated the Constitution of the state of Georgia.[f] His vote against the "Yazoo Fraud" is famous, and recorded in many histories.[g] The estate of Burwell[5] Pope was in that part of Wilkes county which later became Oglethorpe. His will was recorded at Lexington, Oglethorpe county, Georgia, June 18, 1800.[h]

Burwell[5] Pope and his wife Priscilla (Wootten) Pope were the parents of seven children,[i] viz:

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[a] Halifax, North Carolina, Deed Book 13, page 247.

[b] Halifax, North Carolina, Will Book 1, page 151.

[c] St. Paul's Parish Register (manuscript).

[d] Wheeler's History of North Carolina, second part, page 421, and Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. 16, page 2.

[e] Office of the Secretary of State, Atlanta, Georgia, Land Grant Book O. O. O., pages 86, 87, 106, 141, 144.

[f] Joseph Habersham Historical Collection D. A. R., Vol. 1, page 302.

[g] Story of Georgia and the Georgia People, by George C. Smith, page 173.

[h] Lexington, Oglethorpe county, Ga., Book A, page 91.

[i] Old family Bible now owned by a grandson of General Burwell[6] Pope (Burwell,[5] Henry,[4] John,[3] Henry,[2] William[1]) Thomas Stanley of Athens, Georgia.

I Robert[6] Pope born Sept. 26-1775, died unmarried Oct. 7-1831; II Tabitha C.[6] Pope born Feb. 11-1778, died Apr. 25-1852, married Miles[j] Hill, January 26-1795; III Ann[6] Pope born Apr. 28-1780, died Jan. 6-1805; married Noah[j] Hill 1796; IV Martha[6] Pope born April 17-1782, died 1853, married Wylie[j] Hill 1799. The ancestors of Lodowick J. Hill, now living in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. L. J. Hill is a noted genealogist. Much of the data in this chapter was furnished by him. V. Wylie[6] Pope born Dec. 14-1784, died July 16-1819; married Sallie Davis 1807; VI Sarah[6] Pope born Nov. 24-1787, married Robert Holmes; VII Burwell[6] Pope, Jr., born Sept. 7-1790, died May 11-1840, married Sarah Strong Dec. 12-1815.

Tabitha C.[6] Pope (*Burwell,*[5] *Henry,*[4] *John,*[3] *Henry,*[2] *William*[1]) was born February 11-1778, in Wake county, N. C. On January 26-1795 she married Miles Hill, son of Abram Hill and his wife Christian Walton. Miles Hill and his wife Tabitha (Pope) Hill were Methodists. They were noted for their piety and philanthropy. The will of Miles Hill was recorded in Oglethorpe county, Georgia. Will Book D, page 147.

There are three graves now on the plantation of Miles Hill, in Oglethorpe county, Georgia. Probably their preservation is due to the fact that no gate or opening of any kind was built in the wall which surrounds them. This wall is high and solid. Over each grave is an old fashioned box tombstone of heavy white marble. These monuments are very handsome, but much discolored by age. The following is the inscription on one of them.

In memory of
TABITHA HILL
who was born
February 11th 1778
and died
April 25th 1852.

"Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and they staff they comfort me."

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[j] Will of Abraham Hill, dated November 23-1790. Recorded in Wilkes county, Georgia, February 29-1792.

The three brothers Miles, Noah and Wylie Hill (sons of Abraham and Christian (Walton) Hill) married three sisters. These sisters were Tabitha Ann, and Martha Pope (daughters of Burwell Pope and Priscilla (Wootten) Pope.)

The following inscription is on one of the other tombs.

In memory of
MILES HILL
Born March 13th 1774
Died November 4th 1844.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Miles and Tabitha[6] (Pope) Hill had five children, viz:

I Malinda[7] Hill married John Scott McGehee; II James A.[7] Hill born 1797, died 1831, married Amelia Walton Hill, daughter of Thomas Hill and Sarah (McGehee) Hill; III Hampton W.[7] Hill married Eudocia Lane, daughter of Joseph Lane and Elizabeth (Hill) Lane. Hampton W. Hill d. Sept. 1851; IV Blanton Mead[7] Hill born May 5-1802, died Feb. 3-1857, married Elizabeth Ann Hill, dau. of Abram Hill and Elizabeth (McGehee) Hill; V Anne[7] Hill born December 18-1804, died January 31-1868, married Nicholas Taliaferro.

Blanton Mead[7] Hill, (son of Miles Hill and Tabitha[6] (Pope) Hill, (*Burwell,*[5] *Pope, Henry,*[4] *John,*[3] *Henry,*[2] *William*[1]) was born May 5-1802 in Oglethorpe county, Georgia. For Hill genealogy see notes.[a]

May 19-1825 Blanton Mead[7] Hill married his first cousin Elizabeth Ann Hill (*Abram,*[4] *Abraham,*[3] *Abraham,*[2] *Henry.*[1]) The mother of Elizabeth Ann Hill was Elizabeth McGehee, daughter of Micajah McGehee[b] and Ann (Scott) McGehee.[c] The issue of the marriage of Blanton Mead[7] Hill and Elizabeth Ann Hill was two sons, and five daughters.

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[a] Georgia Landmarks, Memorials and Legends, by L. L. Knight, Vol. 2, page 1046. North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 2, page 474. Annals of Athens, by A. L. Hull.

[b] The will of Micajah McGehee is recorded at Lexington, Oglethorpe county Georgia, June 3-1811.

[c] Gilmer's Georgians. Stubbs Early Settlers, page 450.

Both sons, Alonzo Alexander Franklin[8] Hill and Blanton Abram[8] Hill, attended the University of Georgia, as did their father Blanton Mead[7] Hill. Alonzo Alexander Franklin[8] Hill graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1848. He was Assistant Surgeon on one of the Flag Ships of the United States navy from March 14-1848 to April 6-1854.[d] Alonzo Alexander Franklin[8] Hill was Captain Company A, 1st Regiment, Georgia Regulars C. S. A., April 10-1861, and was promoted Major, September 3-1864.[e]

An account of Blanton Abram[8] Hill, youngest son of Blanton Mead[7] Hill and his wife Elizabeth Ann (Hill) Hill, is given in Oates' *War between the Union and the Confederacy,* page 620. In a sketch of Company D. of the 15th Alabama Infantry, is the following "Blanton Abram Hill was elected First Lieutenant at the age of 24 years, later he was promoted Captain. Captain Hill was mortally wounded at Fussel's Mills, on the Darbytown Road, near Richmond, Virginia, August 16-1864. He died on the first day of September following. His company, the regiment, and the Confederate Army lost in him a valuable officer." Col. Oates commanded this regiment.

The names of these brothers, Major Alonzo Alexander Franklin[8] Hill (Frank Hill) and Captain Blanton Abram[8] Hill are engraved on the Confederate monument at Athens, Georgia.

The home of Blanton Mead Hill, in Athens, Georgia, was occupied by his descendants for three generations. This beautiful old mansion is still standing, and with its Corinthian columns is an excellent example of classic architecture.[f]

Blanton Mead[7] Hill, son of Miles Hill and his wife Tabitha[6] (Pope) Hill, was born May 5-1802, died February 3-1857. On May 19-1825, he married his cousin, Elizabeth Ann Hill, daugh-

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[d] Hammersly's General Navy Register, page 265.

[e] General Soldiers Roster Commission in the state Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia. History of Georgia, by Col. Isaac W. Avery, page 661.

[f] Georgia Landmarks, Memorials and Legends, by L. L. Knight, Vol. 1, page 424, Vol. 2, page 661. Annals of Athens by A. L. Hull.

ter of Abram Hill and Elizabeth (McGehee) Hill. Elizabeth Ann Hill was born January 12-1810, died Mch. 2-1894. Issue of the marriage of Blanton Mead[7] Hill and Elizabeth Ann Hill seven children, viz:

I Alonzo Alexander Franklin[8] Hill born Dec. 4-1826, died Jan. 9-1872, married Gazalena Williams, June 16-1869. Issue one child.

II Elizabeth McGehee[8] Hill born April 3-1828, died Sept. 19-1834.

III Georgia Ann[8] Hill born May 9-1830, died Sept. 17-1889, married Martin Luther Strong, Oct. 14-1852. Issue four children.

IV Clara Ella[8] Hill born Dec. 11-1831, died Dec. 7-1855, married William R. Cunningham, Sept. 11-1855.

V Augusta[8] Hill born Feb. 28-1834, died Nov. 17-1908, married William Giles Noble, June 23-1859. Issue four children.

VI Blanton Abram[8] Hill born Oct. 5-1836, died unmarried Sept. 2-1864.

VII Susan Tabitha[8] Hill born Oct. 11-1848, married Robert Huger Johnston, April 20-1871. Issue two children.

Augusta[8] Hill (*Blanton Mead[7] Hill, Miles Hill and his wife Tabitha[6] (Pope) Hill, Burwell[5] Pope, Henry,[4] John,[3] Henry,[2] William[1]*) was born February 28-1834 in Oglethorpe county, Georgia, died November 17-1908. She was the daughter of Blanton Mead Hill[7] and his wife Elizabeth Ann Hill. In 1852, Augusta[8] Hill graduated from Wesleyan Female College,[a] at Macon, Georgia, taking the degree of A. B. On June 23-1859 Augusta[8] Hill and William Giles Noble, of Virginia, were married in Athens, Georgia, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Eustace W. Speer. William Giles Noble was the son of Josiah Noble and Ione (Beadle) Noble. He was the grandson of Joseph Noble, an Ensign in the Revolution, and of Lieutenant John Beadle of the Revolution.[b]

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[a] Catalog of Wesleyan Female College 1915-1916, page 101.

[b] Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War, by J. T. McAllister, Section 252, pages 177 and 179, "Officers from Amelia county, Va."

William Giles Noble was greatly the senior of his wife, but his appearance would not have suggested his age. He was six feet three inches in height, and proportionately broad. He had blue eyes, golden hair, and a remarkably fair complexion. At the age of seventy, he often remarked that he had not been sick in bed a week since infancy. He also said that he had never entered a saloon. Perhaps the connection between these facts is closer than appears.

William Giles Noble was born and reared in Virginia. He spent thirty years in New York City, where he was a member of the firm Davis, Noble and Company, wholesale silk and lace merchants and importers. Although too old to take an active part in the War between the States, he would not remain north of Mason and Dixon's line during that terrible conflict. Leaving his large interests in the north, he came south, to cast his fortunes with his native land.

William Giles Noble was an Episcopalian, and for many years a vestryman of Emmanuel Church, Athens, Georgia.

William Giles Noble, son of Josiah Noble and Ione (Beadle) Noble was born in Nottoway county, Virginia, August 15-1810. He died in Athens, Georgia, March 29-1881.

On June 23-1859 William Giles Noble married Augusta[8] Hill, who was the daughter of Blanton Mead[7] Hill and his wife Elizabeth Ann (Hill) Hill.

Issue four children, viz:

I Blanton Hill[9] Noble born in Athens, Georgia, April 13-1860, died unmarried September 9-1914, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of Georgia, in 1880, practised law in Athens, Georgia, and Philadelphia, Pa.

II Annie Frank[9] Noble born in Athens, Georgia, May 8-1862, married William Irvin Sims, August 21-1884. Issue three children.

III Mary Ella[9] Noble born in Louisburg, North Carolina, Jan. 3-1865, married Arthur Holley Allen, October 11-1893. Issue five children.

IV Augusta Hill[9] Noble born in Athens, Georgia, January 31-1868, died October 21-1896, in Norfolk, Virginia, married Eugene Lawrence Mayer, June 5-1889. Issue four children.

Annie Frank[9] Noble (*daughter of William Giles Noble and his wife Augusta (Hill) Noble, Blanton Mead[7] Hill, Miles Hill and his wife Tabitha[6] (Pope) Hill, Burwell[5] Pope, Henry,[4] John,[3] Henry,[2] William[1]*) was born in Athens, Georgia, May 8-1862.

Annie Frank[9] Noble and William Irvin Sims were married in Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Athens, Georgia, August 21-1884. The parents of William Irvin Sims were William Edward Sims (Lieutenant under General Hood, C. S. A.) and his wife Virginia Elizabeth Donehoe. William Irvin Sims was born in Fulton county, Georgia, November 26-1852, and died in St. Louis, Missouri, January 25-1911.

William Irvin Sims and his wife Annie[9] (Noble) Sims were the parents of three children, viz:

I Irvin Augustus[10] Sims born Athens, Georgia, January 3-1887, married Dorothy Hubbard, October 26-1914. Issue two children.

II Alice May[10] Sims born April 30-1889, died September 10-1890.

III Annabel Noble[10] Sims born Atlanta, Georgia, January 16-1892, married Charles Blackburn Sims, May 28-1913. Issue one child.

Irvin Augustus[10] Sims (son of William Irvin Sims and his wife Annie[9] [Noble] Sims), graduated in 1909 from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, taking the degree of B. S. in E. E. Irvin Augustus[10] Sims is a son of the American Revolution, a thirty-second degree Mason, a Knight Templar, and a Shriner. Irvin Augustus[10] Sims married Dorothy Hubbard in St. Louis, Missouri, October 26-1914. Dorothy (Hubbard) Sims (A. B. Wells College, 1912) is the daughter of Henry Fitch Hubbard and his wife Sarah (Rowe) Hubbard, and the granddaughter of Robert Morris Hubbard and his wife Sarah (Ross) Hubbard. She is a descendant of Jonathan Hubbard, a soldier of the Revolution.[a]

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[a] History of Charleston, New Hampshire, by Rev. Henry H. Saunderson. A Thousand Years of Hubbards, by Harlan Page Hubbard, pages 224, 225 and 354.

Irvin Augustus[10] Sims and his wife Dorothy (Hubbard) Sims have issue:

I Henry Fitch Hubbard[11] Sims, born in Decatur, Illinois, Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1915.

II Dorothy[11] Sims, born in Savannah, Georgia, January 6-1917.

Annabel Noble[10] Sims (daughter of William Irvin Sims and his wife Annie[9] (Noble) Sims) graduated from Mary Institute, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1910. Annabel Noble[10] Sims married Charles Blackburn Sims, in St. Louis, Missouri, May 28, 1913. Charles Blackburn Sims graduated from the University of Illinois, and received the degree of L. L. B. from the Chicago Law School. The parents of Charles Blackburn Sims were William Blackburn Sims, M. D., and his wife Sarah Jane (Medley) Sims. His grandfather, William Gray Sims, fought in the war of 1812, his great-grandfather, James Sims was a Revolutionary soldier.[a]

Another ancestor of Charles Blackburn Sims was Lieut. William Blackburn, of Revolutionary fame. Lieut. William Blackburn was one of the heroes of King's Mountain, and was killed in that battle.[b]

Charles Blackburn Sims and his wife Annabel Noble Sims are the parents of one child:

I Kathleen Blackburn[11] Sims, born in St. Louis, Missouri, October 30-1914.

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[a] Inscription on the monument of William Gray Sims at Sandford, Ill. Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C. Department of the Interior, M. B. H. Revolutionary War, S. F. 4840.

[b] Abingdon, Washington county, Virginia, Minute Book 1, page 97. Abingdon, Washington county, Virginia, Will Book No. 2, page 105. King's Mountain and Its Heroes, by Lyman C. Draper, page 304.